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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings and indication of allowable subject matter. In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. The amendments and remarks presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 54-90 are pending in the application. Claims 65, 66, 83, and 84 were indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 65 and 83 to be in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully urge that Claims 65, 66, 83, and 84 are now allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

The Examiner rejects Claims 54 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,566,224 to Ul Azam et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse. Notwithstanding, Applicants have amended Claims 54 and 60 to more clearly define Applicants' invention:

54. (currently amended) A cellular phone system comprising:
 a mirror assembly including a mirror case and a reflective element housed in said case, said case being substantially electrically non-conducting; and
 a cellular phone system receiver including a transmitting and receiving antenna, said antenna having a weight, said cellular phone system receiver adapted to receive signals and transmit signals with said antenna, said antenna being positioned within said mirror case and supported within the mirror assembly by a structure in a manner such that said weight of said antenna is not directly carried by said reflective element and does not directly impact the vibration performance of said reflective element.

60. (currently amended) A cellular phone system comprising:

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an exterior mirror assembly including a case;
 a reflective element support in said case; and
 a cellular phone system receiver including a
 transmitting and receiving antenna and electrical leads coupled to
 said antenna, said antenna having a weight, said cellular phone
 system receiver adapted to receive signals with said transmitting
 and receiving antenna and to convert said signal into audio signals,
 said receiving antenna positioned within said case and being
mounted to said mirror case independent of said reflective element
wherein said weight of said antenna is not directly carried by said
reflective element and does not directly impact the vibration
performance of said reflective element.

With respect to Claim 54, Applicants respectfully urge that ul Azam does not teach or suggest a cellular phone system that includes a rearview mirror assembly with the antenna of the cellular phone system being positioned within the mirror case of the rearview mirror assembly. Nor does ul Azam teach or suggest a cellular phone system antenna being supported within a mirror case by a structure in a manner such that the weight of the antenna is not directly carried by the reflective element and the weight of the antenna does not directly impact the vibration performance of the reflective element. In contrast, ul Azam teaches to mount the antenna exteriorly of the communication device 100. See FIG. 1. In reference to the mirror assembly, ul Azam states that "the circuitry of a cellular radiotelephone, such as disclosed in reference to RF communications device 100 of FIG. 1, is disposed between mirrored surface 209 and rear housing 214". Ul Azam further describes that "[e]nclosed within the stalk 212, may be cabling that both couples an antenna (similar to antenna 103 of FIG. 1) and provides power to the circuitry within the housing 214". Ul Azam further describes that the placement of the antenna is not limited to the stalk and that it can be mounted to the roof or rear window of the vehicle. Therefore, ul Azam does not teach or suggest supporting an antenna within a mirror casing. Further, ul Azam is absolutely silent with respect to the vibration performance of the reflective element.

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Therefore, ul Azam does not teach or suggest the claimed combination. Nor would it be obvious to modify ul Azam to meet the claimed combination. Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that Claim 54 and its dependent claims, namely Claims 55-59, are patentably distinguishable over ul Azam et al. alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

With respect to Claim 60, Applicants respectfully urge that Claim 60 is patentably distinguishable over ul Azam et al. for at least the reasons set forth above in reference to Claim 54. In addition, Applicants respectfully urge that ul Azam does not disclose or suggest an antenna of a cellular phone system mounted to the mirror case of a rearview mirror assembly. Applicants respectfully urge that it would not be obvious to modify ul Azam to meet the claimed combination for at least these reasons noted above.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

The Examiner rejects Claims 55-66, 74-82, and 85-90 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ul Azam et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,760,394 to Takeuchi et al. Notably the Examiner indicates that Claims 65, 66, 83, and 84 are allowable; therefore, Applicants assume that the reference to Claim 55-66 being rejected over ul Azam in view of Takeuchi is a typographical error.

With respect to Claims 55-64, Applicants respectfully urge that Claims 55-64 are patentably distinguishable over ul Azam for at least the reasons set forth above in reference to Claims 54 and 60. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully urge that Takeuchi does not cure the deficiencies of ul Azam et al. For example, Takeuchi does not teach or suggest mounting a cellular phone antenna to a mirror case or to a structure in a manner such that the weight of the antenna is not directly carried by the reflective element and does not directly

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impact the vibration performance of the reflective element. Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that Claims 55-64 are patentably distinguishable over ul Azam in view of Takuchi alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

With respect to Claims 74 and 86, Applicants respectfully urge that Claims 74 and 86 are patentably distinguishable over ul Azam et al for at least the reasons set forth above.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that Claims 55-64, 74-82, and 85-90 are patentably distinguishable over ul Azam et al. in view of Takeuchi alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and a Notice of Allowance of all claims.

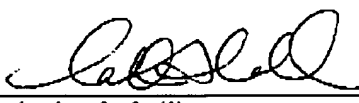
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